



Guided Research: New Tools to Simplify Genealogical Research

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Do you ever find a new person in a new place to research? Has anyone ever asked you to help them with their research but it is for a place you have never done research in?

Guided Research will help you by pointing to the best place to start when looking for birth, marriage or death information.

Simplified help pages for all fifty states in the United States and several countries like Denmark are completed. Others will continue to be added. The goal is for Guided Research to help you be successful 60% of the time. Additional guidance is given for those "Special" cases when the basic help was not successful.

A NORMAL PROBLEM?

Find death information for John D. Jones who died about 1899 in Gallia county Ohio.

1. Go to https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Guided_Research_for_Online_Records and zoom into the map area in green for the research problem.
2. Click on the state or country.
3. Use the Guided Research instructions to search for the information needed.

WHAT IF IT IS A MORE DIFFICULT PROBLEM?

Find the marriage of Alfred Batson to Laura Jennie Eakman about 1872 in Muskingum Ohio.

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2. Click on the state or country.
3. Use the Guided Research instructions to search for the information needed.
4. When a search fails to locate the desired information always go back to the Guided Research information for that place and event.
5. Click on the "Why Can't I Find the Record" link at the bottom of the birth, marriage or death section for problem solving options.